

# **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

## **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, September 8, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday September 8, 2005, at 6:30 p.m., at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 19125 Greenview, Detroit, Michigan 48219.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez **(ABS)**  
Jim Holley  
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**  
Willie Hampton  
Arthur Blackwell II

#### **Department Personnel Present**

Chief Ella Bully-Cummings  
AC Walter Martin  
AC George Hall Jr.  
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson  
DC Ralph Godbee  
DC Ronald Haddad  
DC Robert Dunlap  
DC Billy McFarley  
DC Marshall Lyons  
DC Tony Saunders  
DC James Tate  
Cmdr. Brian Davis  
Cmdr. Dan Oneill  
Cmdr. Jan Johnson  
Cmdr. Hope Facen-Berry  
Cmdr. James Suchowski  
Cmdr. Madelyn Rakowski  
Cmdr. Troy Quinn  
Cmdr. Ricky Brown  
Cmdr. Gregory Plummer  
Cmdr. Todd Bettison  
Cmdr. Brain Stair  
Cmdr. Eric Ewing  
Cmdr. Vivian Talbert  
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee  
Lt. Rita Serra  
Lt. Dennis Johnson  
Sgt. Daran Carey  
Sgt. Jennifer Jones  
Sgt. Eren Stephens

Sgt. Joseph Abdella  
P.O. Rukeya Rupert  
P.O. Michael Gordon

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv. **(ABS)**  
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator **(ABS)**  
Victoria Scott-Miller, Senior Inv./Community Relations  
Harrison Tolliver, Supervising Inv.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. & Mrs. F. Machon  
Ms. Walters  
Mr. & Mrs. B. Cybulski  
Charles Miller  
Valerie Hillery  
Vivian Collins  
Derrick Hale  
Frank McGhee  
Alexis Mann  
Joshua Mann  
Dominique Evans  
Cameron Knox  
James Moody  
Loretta France  
Thomas Wilson Jr.  
Rev. Kevin Johnson  
Jackie Johnson  
Aretha Walker  
Cindy Dorrah  
Betty Cook-Scott  
Bob Raisch

Cindy Gera  
Sam Moreno

**RECORDERS**

Terrence Bell  
Robert Brown

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

**Comm. Holley** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** stated that we are very glad to be here and it is always good to see the great turnout of citizens. He announced the arrival of **Comm. Blackwell** at 6:50 pm.

**Comm. Hampton** read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Thursday, September 1, 2005

**MOTION:** **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

**RESOLUTION HONORING**

**Derrick F. Hale**

**WHEREAS** Derrick F. Hale is a lifelong resident and community leader in the city of Detroit; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Hale, as a former State of Michigan Representative for the 14<sup>th</sup> District and active member of the Detroit chapter of the N.A.A.C.P., is committed to the city of Detroit and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Hale, as a member of the non-profit organization, Motor City Blight Busters, is instrumental in the redevelopment and beautification of our city's neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Hale, in addition to all the aforementioned activities, finds time to volunteer during the Police Week and National Night Out initiatives. He is also President of both the Eighth Precinct Community Council and Eighth Precinct B.U.O.Y.,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the generous spirit of Mr. Hale. His unselfishness and dedication to improve the quality of life for all citizens in his community and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Mr. Derrick F. Hale.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez  
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton  
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
September 8, 2005**

/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II  
Commissioner

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution honoring Derrick F. Hale.

**MOTION:** **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to adopt the Resolution.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** presented Mr. Hale with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the department.

**Cmdr. Jan Johnson** presented Mr. Hale with the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of City Council.

**Mr. Hale** thanked the Detroit Police Department and the community in which he served.

**Rev. Johnson** welcomed everyone to Calvary and stated the community is always welcomed because this church belongs to the community.

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** thanked Rev. Johnson for hosting this community meeting.

#### 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

##### CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	19	1039
2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	28	1167

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of 15 cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted 2 cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned 3 cases to OCI.

#### 6. REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE

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# *Detroit Police Department*

## *Report to the Board of Police Commissioners*

### *"Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships"*



*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

### SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

#### Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement

#### Homicide

#### Special points of interest:

- Next meeting:  
Thursday September 15, 2005  
@3:00 P.M.

**Police Headquarters**  
1300 Beaubien, Suite 328  
Detroit, MI

During the period of August 29th- September 4th, Narcotics /Gang Enforcement conducted 11 search warrants and 65 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 40 Felony arrests
- 65 Misdemeanor arrests
- 10 Juveniles detained
- 2,661.4 Grams of cocaine, 2,055 grams of heroin, 25,156.1 grams of marijuana— street value  
**\$4,864,200.00**

- **\$9,437.00** in U.S. Currency

#### Confiscated:

- 5 Hand guns
- 2 Vehicles

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, officers from Homicide responded to St. John's Hospital on a "Death of a Two (2) Year Old Female" run. An investigation revealed that while a woman was attempting to register her oldest child in school, she left the infant with a male babysitter. the man became angry after the child kept crying and beat the child to death.

The man was arrested without incident for "Felony Murder" and "Child Abuse – First Degree."

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#### The Violent Crimes Task Force

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, officers from the Violent Crimes Task Force, received information as to the location of a man wanted for a fatal shooting. The Violent Crimes Task Force set up stationary surveillance on a residence in the 16000 block of Parkside. The wanted man was observed entering the location. After a brief struggle the man was arrested without further incident.



#### 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, September 9,  
2005 AT 12:00 P.M.  
At  
CAMPUS MARTIUS PARK  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN  
U.S.A

**All are welcome!**

September 8, 2005

## *Police / Community Intervention*

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### Eastern District

Taking the Guns Off  
the Street!

Total Guns  
Confiscated

Year-To-Date  
2,757

On September 1st, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 15000 block of Eastburn on a "Home Invasion" run. An investigation revealed that two (2) male juveniles entered the home through an open window. Once inside they removed various electronics equipment and appliances. As a result of this investigation the juveniles were detained without incident for "Home Invasion." All of the property that was taken from the home was returned to the owner.

### Northeastern District

On August 29th, officers from the Northeastern District responded to the 4600 block of Ellery St. on a "Shots Fired-One Down" run. Further investigation revealed that while two (2) males were sitting in their car in the driveway, two (2) other males walked up to the vehicle and began firing shots into the vehicle. One of the occupants was shot in the upper right arm. Subsequent to this investigation one (1) man was arrested without incident.

### Central District

On August 30th, officers of the Central District responded to the 400 block of W. Lafayette on a "Larceny Just Happened" run. Officers immediately broadcasted a description of the wanted man. As a result of their quick response, the wanted man was observed walking in the area of Vermont and Michigan. As a result of an investigation and after a brief foot chase, the man was arrested and the property returned.

### Western District

On August 30th, officers of the Western District responded to the 9300 block of Livernois on a "Shots Fired, One Down" run. An investigation revealed that two (2) men began arguing and one (1) man shot the other in the left side. Subsequent to an investigation one (1) man was arrested for "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm", "Felony Firearm" and "Felon in Possession." Confiscated was one (1) handgun.



### Southwest District



On September 6th, officers of the Southwest District responded to the 14000 block of Grand River on a "Breaking and Entering in Progress" run. As officers arrived at the location they observed three (3) men crawling out of a hole in the side of the building. Further investigation resulted in the arrest of three (3) men and the detention of one (1) juvenile for "Breaking and Entering—Business." All property was returned to the business owner.

### Northwest District

On September 2nd, officers of the Northwest District, while on patrol in the area of Santa Clara and Evergreen, observed two (2) men loitering in the street impeding vehicular traffic. Subsequent to an investigation and after a brief foot chase one (1) man was arrested for "Carrying Concealed Weapon—Person." Confiscated was one (1) handgun.

## **7. REPORT/PRESENTATION – DPD RESTRUCTURING PLAN**

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** stated to hold all question and comments for Oral Communication.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** gave the following presentation:

**(SEE ATTACHMENT)**

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

No questions or comments at this time.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Comm. Blackwell** stated that he wanted to reiterate what he said at the Board meeting last meeting. That it is a great thing that the Chief is doing by allowing those desk officers to reintroduce themselves to the community that they serve, especially those who do not stay in the city. He stated when the Department presented the budget that included no layoffs many people in the department did not support it. If many of the leaders in the department had supported this plan we would not have to layoff those one hundred and fifty (150) officers. We cannot afford to have inadequate coverage on the streets. This administration was able to take a difficult situation and come up with a good plan by putting more officers on the streets. I think this community has been well served by this department. Also, I know this was not part of your presentation but to help deal with the inadequate pay for starting officers but there is a plan for them to work as a police officer in another capacity in the City of Detroit. He stated let's give the Chief and Mayor credit when they do something right.

## **9. QUARTERLY AWARDS CEREMONY**

**DC Tate** announced the following people as Quarterly Award Winners.

### **CILIVIANS**

Ms. Kimberly Cummings  
Ms. Valerie Hillery



**POLICE OFFICERS**

P.O. Sherry McCain  
P.O. William Diccio  
P.O. Paul Shaw  
P.O. Christian Madajczyk  
P.O. Neil Gensler

P.O. Joseph Machon  
P.O. Richard Frisdon  
P.O. Joseph Molinaro  
P.O. Matthew Hernandez  
P.O. Lori Dillon

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** stated that he really enjoys the Quarterly Awards, because it shows how much these officers put their lives on the line for every one of us. He stated lets give them a round of applause for them.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, September 15, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien Rm. 382  
Detroit, MI 48226

**11. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**T. Wilson** stated the Detroit police officers do not receive enough compliments and they cannot pay him enough money to do their job. He stated that his hat is off to the men and women in blue.

**S. Moreno** asked what other efforts can be used to get youths' awareness in crime prevention?

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated that we have the explorer program at all the districts, but there are a lot of different programs that exist in each district. She stated, we need to have a meeting with all of the presidents of the Community Relation Council about the Explorers and B.U.O.Y programs.

**S. Moreno** asked how the migration of evacuees from Hurricane Katrina would affect the law enforcement in the city of Detroit.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated there is a process they must go through because of the federal dollars. So we are working on this with the State and the Federal Governments.

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** stated the plan is for people to integrate into the community without having little or no affect. He stated they are looking for housing for the evacuees.

**A. Mann** asked with the layoff of police officers how can you make me feel safe at an event like the International Jazz Festival because I did not see a lot of police officers.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated that we do something that no other large city does, which is we do not charge for these events. We will be sending out invoices to these event holders. She stated that my job is to make you as safe as possible by having the required amount of officers visible.

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** stated we were there.

**Comm. Blackwell** stated that sometimes there are plainclothes police officers at these events.

**B. Cook-Scott** stated she has received calls from the reserve officers who feel like the department has let them down. I am asking you to take a look at their situation a see what can be done. Also when you merge precincts together what happens to those community boards?

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated there are three areas in which we are still having discussion on the B.U.O.Y, Explorer and Community Relations Council.

**B. Cook-Scott** stated that the reserves are her main focus and hopefully something can be done if they are not part of the Restructuring Plan.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated there are no changes for the reserves under the new plan. If you have some specific concerns you can see Deputy Chief Haddad.

**J. Mann** asked with the layoffs, how can you provide guns safety in the neighborhoods?

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated there are several programs out there including Operation Gun Stop. Police officer have done an excellent job in taking guns off the streets. For young people there is a program called Eddie Eagle that teaches kids about weapons and what they should do if they see a weapon.

**Comm. Blackwell** stated there are going to be more officers on the street under the Restructuring Plan.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated that we have a reduction of officers in the department but an increase of officers assigned to patrol.

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** stated we went from six hundred to a hundred and fifty laid off.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated there was supposed to be several hundred officers laid off under the proposed budget by City Council. Departments like the Mounted Patrol and Aviation will be closed because we don't have the dollars to keep them. My main focus is to have the adequate amount of officers that will patrol the communities.

**V. Collins** stated she have not seen a police officer or car in my neighborhood in over a year. She stated you should not layoff any officers instead you need to hire more. We are sick and tired of petty theft in our neighborhood and no one is doing anything about it.

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** asked what are the boundaries of your neighborhood?

**V. Collins** stated between Six and Seven Mile off of Greenfield.

**C. Gera** stated that she would like to see police officers patrol the neighborhoods without guns.

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** stated to Ms. Gera that he has allowed her an extra thirty seconds and she needs to wrap it up.

**B. Raisch** stated he wrote the Chief to see what can be done to keep the Mounted Patrol intact. He stated he received a call from the Mounted Section for a meeting. He told them he wanted to create a non-profit organization for them, which will allow him to raise funds to pay for their unit. Mounted Police is the best crowd control device invented. Mounted Police it is intimidating but not confrontational.

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** asked the Chief if they can sit down and discuss the idea and not let him just walk away.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated unfortunately because of the fiscal challenge there are some departments that had to be disbanded and the Mounted was one of those. We do not have the funding to support certain entities of the department.

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** asked if he comes with all the money for that unit can something be done?

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated that the issue is not so much the funding but the officers to staff that unit. I am not saying that it is closed for discussion.

**B. Raisch** stated that he can raise the money. But he wants the Chief blessing before he creates the 501 C3 foundation. I have not asked anyone for donations and I have pledges of \$ 25,000 dollars as we speak. What I am asking as of right now let us put the horses out to pasture and not to auction them off.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated that she will have Officer Woody to contact him to schedule a meeting.

**Comm. Blackwell** stated that this is an idea that we should entertain, in addition to the Chief some of the Board members would like an opportunity to talk to you.

**M. Walker** stated she does not see why the aquarium had to go and now the horses.

**M. Lacey** stated her concern is the safety of seniors. Why must the City Council be involved with an agenda that says Drug Activities? What is the Police Department for?

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated apparently someone complained to City Council about it. We do raid drug houses and it takes a joint effort from the community as well. If there is a particular address Deputy Chief Saunders is here to help you.

**M. Lacey** stated she doesn't think people understand the danger of living next to a drug house.

**Ms. Walters** stated she is very concerned about the background of the evacuees. We need to know their backgrounds in order to serve them.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**